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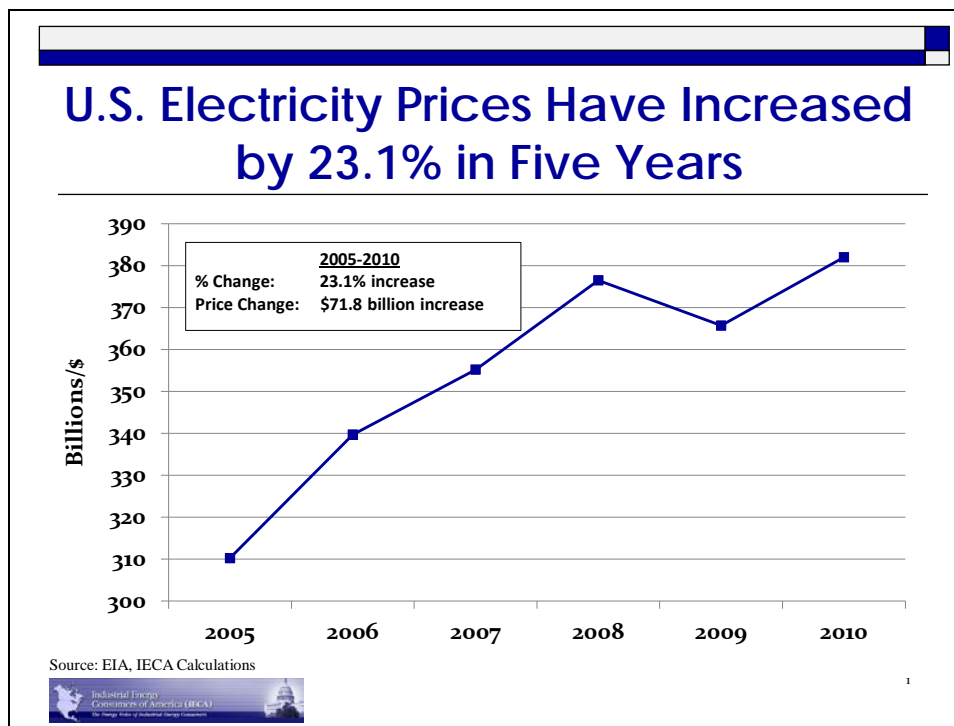
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“EPA Utility MAT Regulation to Significantly Increase Electricity Prices by \$90 Billion”

Electricity Prices Rose \$71.8 Billion in the Last Five Years

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) urges the U.S. Senate to support the Joint Resolution of Disapproval 37, the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (Utility MAT) Regulation. The EPA Utility MAT regulation is forecasted to result in unprecedented costs of \$90 billion – all of which will be passed onto electricity consumers. To put this in perspective, from 2005 to 2010, U.S. electricity prices rose by \$71.8 billion. The increased cost of the regulation will impact manufacturing competitiveness, jobs and exports.



The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$700 billion in annual sales and with more than 650,000 employees nationwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through research, advocacy, and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: plastics, cement, paper, food processing, brick, chemicals, fertilizer, insulation, steel, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, aluminum and brewing.